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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.
At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Retailers, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

TOBACCOS.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Rum: Lemon Hart's
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond
Gin: J. & K. Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julien's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluice forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY & CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts: white dress, crimeans, scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boots
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, infant, kid, and cashmere.
N.B.—All goods in this department marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Haff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER . . Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

J. M. S. STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.)

Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-classable kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Courthouse.

Cromwell Advertisements

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I. HALLENSTEIN and Co.,

CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, LAWRENCE, DUNEDIN, & MELBOURNE,

DIRECT IMPORTERS.

Having just removed into our NEW PREMISES, in respectfully thanking the Public for their past support, and soliciting a continuance of their patronage, we beg to assure them that our object in future will be, in order to meet the increasing demand, to keep much larger and better-assorted stock of

DRAPERY, CLOTHING, BOOTS, & GENERAL GOODS

than hitherto,—the best, in fact, ever seen out of Dunedin,—which we will sell at prices that will defy competition. Our motto will strictly be

"SMALL PROFITS AND QUICK RETURNS."

We beg specially to draw attention to our splendid stock of

DRESS GOODS,

Comprising Silks, Poplins, Repp, Twills, Mohair, Merinos, Llamas, Batistes, Prints, Winceys, Gingham, Alpaca, Lustres, &c. (We can offer some really good bargains in the above line.)

Also, Ladies' Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, latest style, just received from Melbourne.

Our Stock of

UNDERLINEN, CALICOES, BLANKETS, &c. &c.,

Will be found to comprise every quality, and are on sale at extremely low figures.

OUR CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

Is stocked entirely from our DUNEDIN CLOTHING FACTORY.

THE BOOT & SHOE DEPARTMENT

Includes every description of Men's, Women's, and Children's Boots, of all qualities and prices.

A large supply of WHEAT, OATS, BRAN, & POLLARD always on hand.

Being the only authorised agents for

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN'S BRUNSWICK FLOUR MILLS,
LAKE WAKATIPU,

We are prepared to supply their best Silk-dressed Flour, guaranteed equal to Adelaide.

GROCERIES, WINES, SPIRITS, & PROVISIONS.

IRONMONGERY & CROCKERY.

TIMBER AND BUILDING MATERIALS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

PAPERHANGINGS, OILS, & PAINTS.

GRINDERY AND SADDLERY.

PATENT MEDICINES OF ALL KINDS.

FURNITURE AND BEDDING.

We beg to invite the Public to come and inspect the premises and Stock, and judge for themselves.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

WHOLESALE, RETAIL, AND GENERAL MERCHANT

MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL.

Bannockburn

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.CHARLES PEAKE,
Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, is now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour him with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM,
fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE,
with careful groom always in attendance.

183 CHARLES PEAKE.

BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD
AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.

JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD,
Begg to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN, NEVIS, PORTERS, &c., that in order to meet the increasing requirements of those districts, he has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.P.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND,
General
BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

Begg to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

BANNOCKBURN COAL-PIT.

BELL AND SMITH

Having purchased the interest of Mr J. KANE in the above-named Pit, beg to intimate that they will carry on business as Coal Merchants under the above style.

The coal from this Pit is admitted to be the best quality produced in the District, and by selling at the lowest current rates, the proprietors hope to receive a continuance of the support they have hitherto been accorded.

Orders punctually attended to.

Cromwell.

AUCTIONEER.

CHARLES COLOUGH,

Having commenced business as Auctioneer, now prepared to
UNDERTAKE ANY SALES
with which he may be favored.

General Mining and Commission Agency Office,
Melmore Terrace, Cromwell.

REMOVAL
NOTICE.F. SANSON,
SADDLER, &c.,

Has now removed to the shop adjoining Gooden's Hotel, formerly occupied by Mr WHETTER, Bootmaker, where he will carry on business as heretofore.

Just Received from Dunedin—

A New Stock of first-class SADDLERY, &c.

Cromwell

BELFAST STORE,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WINES, SPIRITS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, COLONIAL PRODUCE,
&c. &c. &c.

JAMES HAZLETT

Begg to inform the Public of the Dunstan District that, in connection with his established business of ten years at Clyde, he has opened EXTENSIVE PREMISES AT CROMWELL, where he will be able to supply the Trade, Run-holders, Farmers, and Private Families, with EVERY CLASS OF GOODS, of the very best description, at the lowest current rates.

JAMES HAZLETT would particularly mention that in the FLOUR & COLONIAL PRODUCE BUSINESS he can defy competition, as in that line he is in connection with Messrs WHITTINGHAM BROTHERS, of Queenstown, who are the largest buyers in the Lake District.

J. HAZLETT, being a CASH BUYER in the Dunedin and Melbourne Markets, feels confident he can sell the cheapest and best article in the District, and invites a visit from Purchasers.

Note the address:

JAMES HAZLETT,

CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
BOOTMAKER,
MELMORE STREET ... CROMWELL

Boots and Shoes made to order in the latest and most approved fashion.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

PRICES MODERATE.

**FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,**
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

**CROMWELL BUTCHERY**
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.

COALS! COALS!! COALS!!!

NEWCASTLE PIT.

WILSON and CHARTON, having opened the Coal Pit known as PLACHERTS, are prepared to supply COALS of superior quality at the lowest rate.

We have appointed Mr DRURY our Agent, whose receipt for moneys paid shall be binding on us.

JAMES WILSON

JOHN CHARTON.

Witness:

EDWD. A. DRURY.

COALS! COALS!! COALS!!!

The Cromwell Coal Works will in future be carried on by WILLIAMS & HAYES, who have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants of the Cromwell District to their New Seam of Coal, which is far superior to any hitherto obtained in the same works, or in any other portion of the District. They therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage heretofore bestowed, with the conviction that that patronage will be deserved.

All orders entrusted to us will be attended to at once, and on the shortest notice, as we intend to keep a good supply of coals at the pit-mouth. Coals delivered anywhere, either in or out of the district; and lowest cartage prices charged.

20s. per ton at the Works
32s. „ delivered.
16 bags to the ton.

WILLIAMS & HAYES,
Coal Works, Cromwell.

Cromwell

CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD,
LATE MR GRANT'S
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD

JAMES TAYLOR,

Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,



&c., &c., &c.

Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the LOWEST PRICES compatible with Good Material and Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs, Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.

Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners' Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manilla Rope,

SADDLERY, &c., cheap.

**THE CROMWELL BAKERY**

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district

K. PRETSCHE
CROMWELL.COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

NOTICE.

BOOT AND SHOE MAKING.

WILLIAM HOVE,
begs to intimate to the public of Cromwell and surrounding Districts that he has begun business as Boot and Shoe Maker in the premises lately erected by him two doors above Mr Baird's residence, Upper Melmore Street, Cromwell.

Having had a long experience in the trade, W. H. is confident that he will give every satisfaction to those who may entrust him with their orders.

Good stock of Boots and Shoes always on hand at reasonable prices.

Repairs neatly and cheaply executed.

Note the address:—Upper Melmore Street.

THOMAS FOOTE,

TAILOR AND CLOTHIER.

MELMORE TERRACE,

CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

HENRICH BEHRENS,
having purchased from Mr Fontaine the business lately carried on by him in Cromwell as

WHEELWRIGHT AND COACHBUILDER,
Begg to announce that he will carry on the same as before, in the premises opposite the Bank of New South Wales.

Good work guaranteed; and prices moderate.

Repairs promptly executed.

REMOVAL

CROMWELL APOTHECARIES'
HALL removed

Mr J. SOLOMON's former Premises,
Next the Golden Age Hotel.

GALL & SOLOMON,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS.
Prescriptions accurately prepared.

Dealers in Fancy Goods, Perfumery, Stationery, Tobacco and Cans.

NEWS AGENTS & BOOKSELLERS.

G. and S. are happy to state that, business having greatly increased, prices for medicines will in future be considerably reduced on former rates.

Cromwell.

TURN ONE POUND
INTO

THIRTY SHILLINGS!

AT

J. SOLOMON'S

GREAT CLEARING SALE!
FOR ONE MONTH ONLY.

BALANCE OF WINTER STOCK OF
DBAPERY, CLOTHING, BOOTS,
&c. &c.

Now is the time for the Public of Cromwell and surrounding Districts to make their purchases. J. S. is determined to clear off his Stock at

LESS THAN COST,

And no reasonable offer will be refused for any article in the Store.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

CHEAP BLANKETS
CHEAP BED-QUILTS
CHEAP FLANNEL
CHEAP YARNS
CHEAP WINGEYS
CHEAP DRESS-PIECES
CHEAP MERINOS
CHEAP SOCKS AND STOCKINGS
CHEAP MADE-UP DRESSES & COSTUMES
CHEAP PETTICOAT SKIRTINGS
CHEAP LADIES' JACKETS
CHEAP SATIN SKIRTS
CHEAP ALPACA SKIRTS
CHEAP FELT SKIRTS
CHEAP WOOL GOODS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

SPECIAL LINE IN
LADIES' TRIMMED HATS,
Latest Fashion,
Will be sold at an immense sacrifice.

SPLENDID STOCK
OF
MEN'S CLOTHING.

CHEAP SUITS—Dunedin make, of best quality, in Nelson, Geelong, and Mosgiel tweeds
CHEAP SILK-MIXED SUITS
CHEAP COATS
CHEAP PILOT JACKETS
CHEAP OVERCOATS, MEN'S & YOUTHS'
CHEAP WATERPROOF COATS
CHEAP TROUSERS AND VESTS
CHEAP STABLE JACKETS AND VESTS
CHEAP CARDIGAN JACKETS
CHEAP DRAWERS
CHEAP FLANNELS
CHEAP CRIMEAN SHIRTS
CHEAP HATS, A LARGE ASSORTMENT.

BOYS' & YOUTHS' CLOTHING.
A LARGE VARIETY.

BOOTS & SHOES
LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S, & CHILDREN'S.
The Largest Stock in Cromwell.

BE IN TIME! BE IN TIME!
THIS IS NO PUFF!
COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES!

All the above Goods will be sold Cheaper than they have ever before been sold in Cromwell.

SPECIAL BARGAINS
Will be sold during the Month in
JEWELLERY & FANCY GOODS.

Don't forget the address:

J. SOLOMON,
Opposite Council Chambers,
CROMWELL.

Miscellaneous.

ALBION HOTEL AND STORE
 LUGGAGE.
 23 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to Lake Wanaka.
 H. MAIDMAN, Proprietor.
 This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of Travellers.
 Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &c., &c., constantly on hand, at Cromwell prices.

GOOD STABLING.
 N.R.—District Post Office.

ALBERT HOTEL,
 STORE, & POST-OFFICE,
 ALBERT TOWN.
 H. NORMAN.
 Begs to intimate that he has made very extensive improvements in the above old establishment, and can now offer unrivalled accommodation, both for man and horse.
 A large stock of GENERAL STORES & DRAPERY always on hand.

Old acquaintances will please remember that they can still make themselves perfectly at home at.
 H. NORMAN'S,
 ALBERT TOWN.

MANUHERIKIA BREWERY,
 ALEXANDRA.

THEYERS & BECK beg to announce that they are prepared to supply the SPARKLING XXXX ALES in any quantity.
 Delivered free of cartage within twenty miles.

Orders left with
 Mr THEYERS, Alexandra;
 Mr C. P. BECK, Clyde;
 or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.
THEYERS AND BECK,
 BREWERS,
 ALEXANDRA.

MESSRS W. J. BARRY & CO.
 AUCTIONEERS, &c.,
 QUEENSTOWN.

Have appointed Mr GEORGE JENOUR as their AGENT for Cromwell and surrounding Districts, who will give immediate attention to every instruction for sales with which he may be favored.
 Sales conducted with punctuality and at lowest rates of commission.

NOTICE.
POISON for DOGS will be laid on MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this date.
 I. LOUGHNAN.
 Mount Pisa, 12th May, 1875.

SLESINGER'S
RHEUMATIC BALSAM.
 The greatest discovery ever yet made for the relief of human sufferers from
MUSCULAR OR NERVOUS AFFECTION
 IS
SLESINGER'S
RHEUMATIC BALSAM.

Of all the advertised remedies and all the prescriptions from the medical faculty for the cure of
 Rheumatism
 Rheumatic Gout
 Sciatica
 Tic Doloréux
 Neuralgia
 Lumbago
 Strains & Sprains
 Or pain of any sort from the above affections, none have been so successful and effectual as
SLESINGER'S
RHEUMATIC BALSAM.
 As certified by the certificates published in the *Wago Daily Times*, *Guardian*, and innumerable others.
 Price, 7s 6d per bottle, which is sufficient to cure in all cases.
S. SLESINGER, V.S.,
 Hope-street, Dunedin.
 Sole agents for New Zealand:—
KEMPTHORNE, PROSSER, & Co.

Cromwell.

NOTICE.
 We, the undersigned, have appointed Mr G. JENOUR our AGENT, and his receipt for accounts paid shall be binding on us.
 WILLIAM WILLIAMS
 JOHN HAYES.
 Cromwell, 14th June, 1875.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
 TO
 MINING COMPANIES & OTHERS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO.
 Have on hand and for sale a quantity of
LITHOFRACTEUR
 for blasting purposes.

The merits of this new explosive agent have now been thoroughly tested, and it is acknowledged to have no equal for effectiveness and labor-saving qualities.
DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,
 Cromwell.

EDWARD ALDRIDGE,
 FARRIER,
 BLACKSMITH, and MACHINIST,
 (late of Clyde).
 Has started business in the above line in the premises lately occupied by J. W. THOMSON, in Melmore Terrace, Cromwell. From his long experience in the District, and his well-known habit of promptly executing all orders entrusted to him, he confidently hopes to receive a share of public patronage.

N.B.—A large stock of Horse and Cattle Medicines and Drugs on hand.

Ornamental Gates and Palisading, suitable for Cemeteries, public or private fences, made to any pattern.

Horses shod on the Goodenough or Charlier principle.

EDWARD ALDRIDGE,
 Melmore Terrace, Cromwell.

CROMWELL
VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE.
 Next door to
 KIDD'S CROMWELL HOTEL.

ROBERT WISHART,
 General Blacksmith, Farrier, Machinist, &c.,
 Begs to intimate to the public that he has purchased the business from Mr EDWARD LINDSAY, as Farrier and Blacksmith, and hopes by paying strict attention to business, and turning out good substantial work of all kinds, guaranteed, to merit a continuance of public support.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has purchased the CAST-IRON BED for IRON WHEELS from Mr LINDSAY, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most approved principle.
 Light shoes ... 10s.
 Draught do. ... 16s.

NOTICE.
 That old-established and flourishing business,
THE SHAMROCK HOTEL,
 AND GENERAL
 SORE, BUTCHERY, & BAKERY,
 NEVIS,
 Together with all Buildings, Stock-in-Trade, Furniture, etc.

For further particulars, apply at STARKEY'S Kawrau Hotel, Cromwell, to
DANIEL SCALLY.
 Satisfactory reasons given for Selling.



NOTICE.
 The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts: the Quarter ending the 31st of September, 1875, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields District:—
 CLYDE—every THURSDAY.
 CROMWELL—every FRIDAY.
 ALEXANDRA—MONDAY, September 13, 27.
 ROXBURGH—TUESDAY, September 21.
 BLACKBURN—TUESDAY, September 28.

The Warden's Office, Roxburgh, having been appointed Land Office for the District of Clyde, on the days above-named, and immediately after sitting of the Court, the District Land Office will receive applications under the Waste Land Act within the Land District of Clyde.
LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
 Warden and R.M.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS.

MELBOURNE, September 18.
 The ship Cambridgeshire, from London to Sydney, was wrecked on the 7th inst. on Night Island Rock, near Preservation Island, in Bass Strait. The vessel has gone to pieces, but the captain and crew were all saved. She had no passengers. The news only arrived from Launceston yesterday. She was insured for £17,500, including £3400 in the New Zealand office.

The Bank of Victoria robbery mystery has been cleared up. Glinn, the exchange clerk, from whose custody, they were lost, is the thief, and £1600 of the stolen notes have been found in his possession. He now frankly confesses to having abstracted the notes from the counter and pocketed them. Sawers, the receiving teller, pleaded guilty at his trial to embezzlement, and awaits sentence.

A lamp trimmer named Olson fell overboard from the Albion on her last voyage, and, notwithstanding that every exertion was made to save him, he was drowned. The Exhibition still continues very attractive. The daily average of visitors reaches nearly 4000, and last Saturday over 8000.

Richmond won the Randwick Plate, three miles, in 5mins. 43secs., beating Kingsborough and Lurline. Richmond, after winning the Derby and Randwick Plate in such excellent time, will be in great request for the Cup and Champion Stakes, in both of which he is very lightly weighted. The Craven Plate was won by Kingsborough. It is reported the bookmakers have won £30,000 amongst them over the races; anyhow, they have done very well.

Gold has been seen in the Magdala reef at the depth of 1681 feet. The discovery has caused great excitement in the district of Stawell, and great interest all over the Colony.

John Renton, who was rescued from the natives on Malayta Island, deserted from his ship nine years ago with four other men, and after being at sea 30 days in an open boat, suffering great privations, they reached Malayta, when the natives destroyed their boat, and his companions died. Renton alone survived, and a chief, esteeming his usefulness, kept him from being eaten. The man has relatives in Victoria.

Very satisfactory news comes from Cooktown. Gold is coming in from the Palmer and the reefs look well. The Chinese are doing well, and Chinese merchants say in six months there will be 10,000 more Chinese on the ground.

The expedition lately sent out from Darwin to search for the murderers of Johnston on the Koper, arrested three natives and shot two chiefs. The party has been recalled.

A skull has been found and pronounced by Professor McCoy to be that of an Australian marsupial lion, three times larger than the ordinary African lion.

LATEST EUROPEAN.

The Emperor of Morocco is expected to visit England shortly.

Miss Agnes Livingstone has married Mr Alex. Bruce, of Hamilton.

In Liverpool ruffianism is still rampant. A number of persons have been charged with brutal assaults with divers weapons.

Two ship knackers have been fined and imprisoned for sending rotten vessels to sea for the sake of the insurance.

Mr Frank Scudamore, of the General Post Office, has accepted an appointment under the Turkish Government to organise a Turkish Postal Service.

The Good Templars have resolved to raise a sum of £10,000 for propagandist purposes among the young.

Lady Nora Hastings, cousin to the Marquis of Bute, has joined the Romish Church.

From Montreal comes tidings of Fechter, the actor, dying.

The Queen was among the prize takers at the Royal Agricultural Society's meeting. The weather was cruelly unfavourable to the exhibition, diminishing the attendance.

At Wimbledon, the Elcho Challenge Shield was won by the Irish team, with 1506 points.

Freeman won the Goodwood Stakes, and Aventuriere the Goodwood Cup.

Two thousand men struck in the St. Gothard tunnel. At the contractor's request, the troops were sent, who, being pelted with stones, fired, killing four and wounding eight men.

Grant's six storeyed cotton mill at Glasgow, and the Broadwood weaving factory at Belfast, have been destroyed by fire, causing large damage.

A vote of £40,000 has been passed for the administration of affairs in Fiji.

Some good purchases of first-class horses have been made by colonists. King Cole is also purchased for Victoria. He is brother to King Lad, who was sold for 6000 guineas.

The ironclads Iron Duke and Vanguard came into collision off Wicklow in a dense fog, and the latter sank in 19 fathoms of water. All lives were saved.

A sensation has been caused in Paris by a letter of Admiral Larocier, commanding the Mediterranean squadron, declaring he will only support MacMahon whilst he keeps aloof from the party of the September revolution.

At a conference respecting the colonisation of New Guinea, Lieut. Armit, R.N., gave the result of observations during a survey on the coast, and, after a prolonged discussion, it was resolved to form a Colonisation Society, and to organise an expedition of 200 volunteers under Government co-operation.

A Hen-chanting Little Story.

They have had more trouble at our Methodist meeting-house. Last Sunday, Rev Mr Moody was just beginning his sermon, and had uttered the words "Brethren, I wish to direct your attention this morning to the fourth verse of the twelfth chapter of Saint—" when a hen emerged from the recess beneath the pulpit. As she had just laid an egg, she interrupted Mr Moody to announce the fact to the congregation; and he stopped short as she walked out into the aisle, screeching "Kuk-kuk-kuk-to-ko! Kuk-kuk-kuk-to-ko!" Mr Moody contemplated her for a moment, and then concluded to go on; but the sound of his voice seemed to provoke her to rivalry, and so she put on a pressure of five or six pounds to the square inch, and made such a racket that the preacher stopped again, and said:

"Will Deacon Grimes please remove that disgraceful chicken from the meeting-house?" The deacon rose and proceeded with the task. He first tried to drive her towards the door, but she dodged him, and, still clucking vigorously, got under the seat in the front pew. Then the deacon seized his umbrella and scooped her out into the aisle again, after which he tried to "shoo" her toward the door; but she darted into a pew, hopped over the partition, came down in the opposite pew, and in the side aisle, making a noise like a steam planing mill. The deacon didn't like to climb over after her, so he went around, and just as he got into the side aisle the hen flew over into the middle aisle again. Then the boys in the gallery laughed, and the deacon began to grow red in the face.

At last Mr Binns came out of his pew to help, and as both he and the deacon made a dash at the chicken from opposite directions she flew up with a wild cluck to the gallery and perched on the edge, while she gave excited expression to her views by emitting about five hundred clucks a minute. The deacon flung a hymn-book at her to scare her down again, but he missed her and hit Billy Jones, a Sunday school scholar, in the eye. Then another boy in the gallery made a dash at her, and reached so far over that he tumbled and fell on Mrs Miskey's spring bonnet, whereupon she said out loud that he was predestined to the gallows. The crash scared the hen, and she flew over and roosted on the stove-pipe that ran along just under the ceiling, fairly howling with fright. In order to bring her down the deacon and Mr Binns both beat on the lower part of the pipe with their umbrellas, and at the fifth or sixth knock the pipe separated and about forty feet of it came down with a crash, emptying a barrel or two of soot over the congregation. There were women in that congregation who went home looking as if they had been working in a coal mine, and wishing they could stab Deacon Grimes without being hung for murder. The hen came down with the stove-pipe, and as she flew by Mr Binns he made a dash at her with his umbrella and knocked her clear through a fifteen dollar pane of glass, whereupon she landed in the street and hopped off clucking insanely. Then Mr Moody adjourned the congregation. They are going to expel the owner of that hen from church when they discover his identity.

To Cool a Room in Summer.

Australians will appreciate the hint contained in the following paragraph:—During the excessive heat of summer, when sitting within doors is even more conducive to discomfort than walking at a moderate pace out of doors, it may be useful to bear in mind a simple application—practicable by anyone—of a natural law, which will enable a professional man to write without the slightest inconvenience from the heated atmosphere. Every child at school learns something about the influence of water in modifying climate, and any person, however ill-informed, who has passed through a floricultural exhibition, or a building like the Crystal Palace, must have noticed how deliciously cool and refreshing the atmosphere always is in the immediate neighbourhood of fountains playing. Just the same general lowering of our temperature may be produced in any private sitting-room, without the expense of fountains. A basin, or a dish large enough to present a large surface, filled with water, and placed on the centre of a table in the fore part of the day is amply sufficient for the purpose; the writer has even found an ordinary glass tumbler full of water renewed once (late in the afternoon) potential enough when he sat all the day engaged in reading and writing in a small study, on the hottest day we have had during four years past. The hot air takes up the water in the form of atmospheric vapour, and, enacting in little the part of the clouds, diffuses the greater coolness of the water throughout the room until both air and water are at the same point; when that is attained, if the heat of the day be not spent, the water needs renewing. Of course, the effect does not depend upon any specific form of vessel. This may be plain, or it may be ornamental; it may take the form of a table decoration; it may even—this hint for the ladies and for artists—be a species of well with a flower-pot springing from the centre, the welcome perfumes of which shall be borne together with cooling influences by the water-charged air; there is only one condition imperative—viz., that free contact of air and water over the whole surface of the latter shall not be obstructed.—*Home News.*

The directors of the South-Eastern Railway contribute £25,000 for making a shaft and other preliminaries for a channel tunnel between England and France.

PERSEVERANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

A Meeting of Shareholders will be held at Kidd's Hotel, Cromwell, on SATURDAY NEXT, October 2, at 8 p.m. Business of importance.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Manager.

ELIZABETH QUARTZ MINING CO., REGISTERED.

Notice is hereby given that at a Meeting of Directors of the above Company, a FINAL CALL of 2s 6d (Two Shillings and Sixpence) per share was made, and the same is payable at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, 13th October, 1875.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Manager.

WAKEFIELD DISTRICT,

ON

FRIDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1875.

SECTION 2, Block V., Wakefield District, 9a. 3r. 14p., will be offered for sale by public auction at the Survey Office, Clyde, at the upset price of £2 per acre, with survey fees £6 3s, and valuation for improvements to be stated at sale. (1648E)

FAT CATTLE.

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THURSDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1875,

at Goodger's Yards.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Auction at Goodger's Yards, Cromwell, on the above date, a Draft of about

50 head Prime Fat and well-conditioned Store Cattle.

Without the slightest reserve.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Auctioneer.

JOHN MARSH BRIDGE HOTEL,

Has now, in connection with his other business, opened a

HAY, CORN, STRAW, AND CHAFF STORE,

And, in accordance with his usual custom, intends to give

VALUE FOR MONEY!

THE Watchmaker's SHOP to LET,

now in occupation of Mr E. Murrell.

LAND to Let on Lease for Building purposes.

GOODS taken in on STORAGE.

JOHN MARSH.

MINING LEASES REGULATIONS

PROVINCE OF OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND.

Cromwell, September 16, 1875.

To W. L. SIMPSON, Esq.

Sir,—I have this day paid to the District Surveyor the sum required for the survey of the following gold mining lease application, as required by the Gold Mining Leases Regulations of Otago, and I agree, upon the approval of this application, to execute a lease upon the bases therein stated, if the Governor or his Delegate shall think fit to grant the same.—I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES ALBERT DANIELS.

Name and address in full of applicant.—Charles Albert Daniels, Bendigo.

Style under which it is intended to conduct the business.—The Coromandel Quartz Mining Company.

Extent of land applied for.—16 acres.

Minimum number of men to be employed by the lessee.—For the first six months, two men; subsequently, when in full work, eight men.

Amount of capital proposed to be invested.—£5000.

Proposed mode of working the land.—Sinking shafts and tunnelling.

Precise locality.—Upon the site of the old Alta Gold Mining Company.

Term for which lease is required.—Fifteen years.

Time of commencing operations.—Immediately upon granting of application.

The above application and any objection thereto will be heard before me, at Cromwell, on Oct. 29, 1875. Any person desiring to object to the issue of a mining lease upon the above application, must, within 41 clear days from the date of such application, enter his objection at my office.

(Signed) W. L. SIMPSON,
Warden.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL,

BUCKINGHAM-STREET,

ARROWTOWN.

HENRY GRAHAM ... Proprietor.

H. Graham, having opened the above Hotel, assures travellers and the public generally that their comfort and convenience will be strictly attended to. Families visiting Arrowtown will find every accommodation, and receive the best attention at this new and commodious Hotel. The house comprises a suite of private apartments, sample rooms, and commercial room, making the Commercial Hotel one of the best and most comfortable Hotels in the district.

There is also first-class Stabling and paddock accommodation.

H. G. still continues to carry on the business of STOREKEEPING, Wholesale and Retail.

FIRST-CLASS BARGAINS FOR CASH.

KIDD'S HALL, CROMWELL.

MONDAY & TUESDAY,

October 4 and 5.

The WHEELER STAR COMEDY TROUPE, Including the following artists:—

BEN WHEELER,

The celebrated Irish Comedian;

MISS ELSIE DE COURCY,

The accomplished Vocalist and Protean Actress;

MASTER BENNIE,

The unrivalled Change Artist & Juvenile Actor;

THOMAS WRIGHT,

Baritone Vocalist and Pianist.

Look out for

BARNEY'S COURTSHIP! HANDY ANDY!!

DIVORCE!!! and other Novelties.

Prices of admission: Front Seats (Chairs) 4s; Back Seats, 2s 6d.

Performance will commence at 8 p.m.

THOS. WRIGHT,

Agent.

GEM CONCERT COMPANY.

KIDD'S CONCERT HALL,

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY

EVENINGS,

Sept. 30, and October 1 and 2.

ST. VINCENT'S GEM CONCERT COMPANY will have the honor of performing as above in their

Select and Unrivalled Entertainment, in which the following Artistes will appear:—

MADAME ST. VINCENT,

The Queen of Wizards,

In her wonderful illusions in the art of Legerdemain;

Mr FRANK VERTEN,

The Renowned Negro Delineator;

MISS LILLIE FLORENCE,

In charming Ballads;

Mr ST. VINCENT,

The unapproachable Comic Vocalist,

In a new Budget of Comicalities.

Entire change of Programme each Evening.

Prices of admission:—

Front seats, 4s; Back seats, 2s 6d.

CROMWELL SPRING RACES.

GRAND AMATEUR

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT,

to take place on

FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 1, 1875,

in aid of the

CROMWELL ATHENÆUM.

The Entertainment will be opened by a

PROLOGUE!

After which will be produced Bulwer's 5-act

Drama, THE

LADY OF LYONS,

Or, LOVE AND PRIDE!

M. Beauseant, a rich merchant . . . Mr R. Brown

M. Glavis, his friend . . . Mr Max Gall

Col., afterwards General, Damas . . . Mr A. Fuller

M. Deschappelles, a merchant . . . Mr E. Anore

Landlord, Golden Lion Hotel . . . Mr J. R. Fraser

Gaspar, Melnotte's friend . . . Mr W. Howe jun.

Claude Melnotte . . . Mr E. A. Drury

Officers, Servants, etc. . . . Company

Madame Deschappelles . . . Lady Amateur

Pauline, her daughter . . . Lady Amateur

The Widow Melnotte . . . Lady Amateur

Marion . . . Lady Amateur

The Cromwell Brass Band have kindly consented to give their services.

DANCING after the Performance.

Prices of admission:

Front Seats, 4s; Back Seats, 2s 6d.

WANTED, a HEAD SHEPHERD

for Minaret Station, Lake Wanaka. Liberal wages given to an experienced man. Apply by letter, stating qualifications, with references, to

A. C. THOMSON,

Minaret Station, Pembroke.

E. MURRELL,

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER,

Has REMOVED to his NEW PREMISES, Adjoining the Town Hall.

A. O. F.

COURT ROYAL OAK OF KAWA-RAU, No. 4929.

Summoned Meeting on Saturday, October 2, in the Schoolhouse, Bannockburn.

Business: Quarterly Night.—By order.

CHARLES KOCH,

Secretary.

CROMWELL SPRING MEETING.

Weights for the CROMWELL HANDICAP.

IVANHOE ... 9st. 5lb.

YOUNG LEAMINGTON ... 9st. 0lb.

FLORA ... 8st. 11lb.

FRANCES ... 7st. 8lb.

GEORGE JENOUR,

Secretary.

CORPORATION OF CROMWELL. CARRIAGE LICENSES.

Notice is hereby given that Carriage and Carriers' Licenses must be renewed on or before 1st October. Unlicensed persons are liable to a penalty of £20.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Town Clerk.

BANNOCKBURN AND CARRICK RANGE MINERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of Members of the above Association will be held at the SCHOOL-ROOM on WEDNESDAY, 6th October, at half-past 7 p.m.

D. U. M'GREGOR,

Hon. Sec.

FRESH TENDERS FOR DISTRICT GAOLS.

Tenders will be received at the Office of the Secretary for Lands and Works, Dunedin, until noon of TUESDAY, 5th October, 1875, for the ERECTION of GAOLS (in stone or brick at Naseby, Clyde, and Arrowtown.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and forms of tender obtained, at the Office of the Inspector of Buildings, Dunedin, and Ellice Camps, Naseby, Clyde, and Arrowtown, on and after the 28th inst.

Tenders to be endorsed, "Tender for Gaol at Clyde," "Naseby," or "Arrowtown," the case may be.

The Government does not undertake to accept the lowest or any tender.

CROMWELL POST-OFFICE.

The next English and European mail to San Francisco will close at this office on Tuesday, 19th October, at 2.30 p.m.

The next English and European mail to Suez will close at this office on Saturday, October 23, at 2.30 p.m.

C. E. NICHOLS,

Postmaster.

Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3, 1875.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

DUNEDIN.

TUESDAY 7 p.m.

Over £3000 has now been obtained from the General Government, working-men, creditors in the estate of Strachan, the contractor for the Dunedin and Moeraki railway.

There is to be an aristocratic Spelling Bee on Thursday evening, in aid of the Cricket Club, with the University Professors as judges. There is already a large number of entries from amongst the legal profession, etc.

The whaling season has commenced auspiciously with the capture of two fine whales at Waikouaiti on Saturday, estimated to be worth £400.

Wellington telegrams state that it is

understood Vogel will not leave England until November.

The Oamaru and Waitaki railway was opened on Saturday. A long train of carriages conveyed upwards of 1500 people from Oamaru to Waitaki Bridge, and returned in the evening. Everything passed off successfully.

The man who committed the savage assault in a railway carriage on the Port Chalmers line last week was fined £3.

The Auckland footballers were very unsuccessful on their return trip. At Christchurch, at the conclusion of the match, the game stood—Christchurch 9½ points and Auckland 0. At Nelson the game closed with Nelson 6½ points, Auckland ½ point.

A severe shock of earthquake was felt at Blenheim on Sunday evening, accompanied by a rumbling noise. On Saturday evening there was another shock at Wellington.

HOKITIKA, Sept. 27.

F. A. Learmonth, land agent and immigration officer, met with a serious accident from a pistol-shot to-day. He was preparing to shoot a stray cat in the back-yard, when the pistol went off, and the ball entered near the heart. Little hopes of his recovery are entertained.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

A great deal of business has been gone through in the House.

The Times correspondent telegraphing on Friday says everyone is glad the Abolition Bill is at last through Committee, for all were tired of it. It was plainly mentioned the previous evening that the Local Government Bill was to drop, and all mention of it was exorcised.

To-day a very large amount of real business was got through, with very little talk.

The Licensing Act Amendment Bill, to allow Licensing Courts to grant new licenses at quarterly meetings, passed without opposition.

At the afternoon sitting yesterday, Reynolds moved the second reading of the Qualification of Electors Bill. The main feature of the Bill was that upon the coming into force of the Electoral Rolls for 1876, the Miners Representation Act would be repealed; but miners' rights were to be preserved in the meantime.

One of the principal objects of the Bill was to secure the lodgers' franchise.

Considerable discussion ensued, and the Bill met with a large amount of opposition.

Consideration of the Estimates was commenced at the evening sitting.

Members of the Town Council are requested to meet this evening for the despatch of business, instead of Friday night, the ordinary time of meeting.

At Auckland last week, Brother Wm. McColloch was installed with great ceremony as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand under the Scottish Constitution of Freemasons.

There is promise of good sport at the Cromwell Spring Meeting on Friday and Saturday. All that is wanted is fine weather, which present indications give every reason to expect. Elsewhere will be found the declared weights for the Cromwell Handicap.

The Government invite fresh tenders for the erection of gaols in Clyde, Arrowtown, and Naseby, respectively. Wisely, we think—so far at least as concerns the two first-named places—the authorities have decided on building in stone or brick, instead of concrete.

The only business in the Police Court since our last issue was the dealing on Thursday with two men, John Newton and Thos. Parker, on a charge of being drunk and disorderly the previous day. The first-named was dismissed, while Parker was fined 10s, together with a further infliction of 20s for a breach of the peace by fighting in the public street. Mr Jolly occupied the Bench.

"It never rains but it pours" in the professional entertainment line up-country. Since Christmas last Cromwell has not been visited by a company, and now we are suddenly inundated with talent. Commencing to-morrow evening, the well-known Vincent appears at Kidd's Hall, with very able coadjutors, where they will present for three nights select and varied programmes. Monday and Tuesday evenings are devoted to the Wheeler Star Comedy Troupe, who are new in these parts, but bring first-class credentials. Altogether, visitors to town will find no lack of amusement during the coming week.

An inquest was held on Wednesday, at Stuart's Victoria Hotel, touching the cause of death of Ellen, wife of Mr E. Thompson, hotel-keeper, Nevis. Dr J. Corso, Coroner, presided, and Mr J. Marsh was chosen foreman of the jury. Four witnesses were examined, viz., Messrs D. Scally, A. Williamson, E. Thompson (husband of deceased), and Dr Stirling. The testimony of the three first-named went to show that up to the evening of Sunday, 19th inst., the deceased (a woman about 49 years of age) had been in her usual health, and actively engaged in her household duties. About 7 o'clock, she complained of feeling bad, and was immediately put to bed, shortly afterwards becoming insensible and remaining so till her death. Such remedies as were to hand were applied by the neighbors, but unsuccessfully, and deceased succumbed about one o'clock on Monday morning. Dr Stirling made a post mortem examination of the body on the day of enquiry, and his evidence went to show that death was caused by apoplexy. A verdict was recorded in accordance therewith.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Hospital Committee, which should take place on Thursday evening, has been postponed till Tuesday next, on account of the approaching race holidays.

We understand that the valuable mining property of Mr. Kitt, advertised to be sold under the hammer of Mr. J. C. O'Connell, Alexandra, has found a purchaser privately, at the handsome figure of £800, and is therefore out of the market.

The steamship Ringarooma, recently built at Home expressly for the New Zealand and Australian trade, arrived at the Bluff on her first trip from Hobson's Bay on the 22nd inst., making the passage in the quickest time on record—three days and twenty hours. She is commanded by the well-known Capt. M'Lean.

After a fortnight's consideration, the Dunstan Times has brought forth what it thinks a reply to our charge of unfairly or ignorantly maligning the gentlemen composing the Dunstan Local Land Board. The reply is a sort of half apology, and is even more contemptible than the original sin. If our contemporary has discovered he was in the wrong, why does he not freely confess, instead of endeavoring to "trim,"—a course which will please neither the "people" nor the squatters. Remember the fable of the old man and his ass, friend Times, and profit thereby.

Now that the days are lengthening out, we would suggest that the business people consider the advisability of bringing the early closing movement into practice by suspending business at six or seven o'clock, so that employees, and employers too for that matter, may have an opportunity for enjoying some healthy recreation of an evening. No pecuniary loss would be suffered by such a course, as we are sure the public would lend a hearty support by making it a rule never to go shopping after the hour prescribed. We hope to see some united action taken in this direction.

The weather has again become settled and for the past week has been glorious. The flower and fruit gardens are now beginning to show well, and the latter promise an abundant crop, should there be no severe frosts to nip the buds. The gardens of Mr. B. R. Baird and other old residents are perfect pictures just now, the peach and other early blossoming trees being complete masses of flower. This season there has been a good many new gardens formed in the township which add greatly to its appearance, and no doubt many more will be inclined to cultivate a patch when our water supply is accomplished fact.

Last week's Provincial Gazette contains notifications respecting the reservation of certain lands throughout the Province for educational, public buildings, and other purposes. Section 12, Block III., Cromwell District, is set apart for the purposes of the District Hospital. Certain municipal reserves are proclaimed in favor of Arrowtown—the entire area of endowment being close on 20 acres. The provision is a tolerably liberal one, considering the late date when Arrowtown availed itself of municipal government—long after the most valuable properties were disposed of.

The Northern Escort conveyed to Dunedin last week the following quantities of gold:—

	ozs.	dwt.
Alexandra	582	0
Arrow	547	0
Blacks	680	0
Cromwell	1705	12
Clyde	140	0
Mount Ida	874	9
Queenstown	1120	13
Teviot	650	0
Total	6299	14

At last meeting of the Waste Land Board the only business of any local import was as under:—An application was made for refund of purchase money of sections at Clyde. It was argued that the auctioneer should have made the upset price of sections (said to be back ones) £3 each, and not £5 each, and that at the time of the sale a protest was made. It appeared however, that at least one section brought £6 Application refused.—It was contended for Messrs Cotte Bros. (whom Messrs Gillies and Street represented) that the piece of land called run 481, and now advertised for sale by auction was part of run 459. The Board, after considering the matter, resolved that Messrs Cotte Bros. should get the country on paying the usual rents.

Some men are born to be lucky. Mr. E. Devine (once better known as "Cabbage-tree Ned") is one of them. We (*Clutha Leader*) have just been shown a few presents he received in connection with the opening of the through line of railway and coaches to Invercargill, and as a memento of the event. Amongst these are a massive gold locket presented by Messrs Cory and Deas, containing portraits of the donor and with the initials of the donee engraved in the form of a monogram; from Mr. Thomas Logan a small gold locomotive, a railway whistle, and a massive watch guard shackle; from Mr. J. T. Chaplin, a set of gold studs and sleeve links. The whole are very handsome and valuable presents, and will no doubt long be preserved by Mr. Devine as a pleasing memento of his first drive with a six-horse coach from Balclutha to the Mataura.

The first appearance of the Cromwell Amateur Dramatic Club as reconstructed will be in the ever-popular drama, "The Lady of Lyons," on Friday evening in the Athenaeum Hall—in aid of which deserving institution the surplus funds accruing from the entertainment will go. It is scarcely necessary for us to bespeak a bumper house on the occasion: local talent has always been liberally recognised in Cromwell, and we doubt not that in spite of counter-attractions the Club will be encouraged to persevere in its endeavor to afford the community elevating amusement, to say nothing of the wisdom of upholding a society through whose labors much substantial benefit will be conferred on local institutions. We believe no pains have been spared to place the play on the boards in a manner creditable to the Club, and the members have been most assiduous in rehearsal, so that a pleasant evening may be looked forward to.

BONUS FOR GOLD-SAVING APPARATUS.

On Thursday last, in accordance with an advertisement which appeared in the Provincial Government Gazette in March, a meeting of practical miners, chosen from the various Miners' Associations throughout the Province, was held in the Athenaeum at Clyde, to adjudicate upon the merits of the several plans submitted for an improved gold-saving apparatus, and to name the inventor, if any, deserving of the £250 bonus offered. The following gentlemen were named as the judges, and put in an appearance at the hour appointed:—W. L. Simpson, Esq., Warden, Clyde, who acted as Chairman; Messrs J. Ewing, St. Bathans; James Crombie, Bannockburn; Thos. Shannon; Naseby; G. B. Douglas, Cromwell; and W. Greenbank, Drybread.

D. MacKellar, Esq., Goldfields Secretary, opened the proceedings by producing the Government Gazette with the advertisement, explained the objects of the convention, and having produced the plans and specifications of the inventors, then left. Mr. J. Ewing was appointed secretary to the meeting. As will be seen, none of the plans submitted were considered worthy of the bonus; a short description of each will therefore suffice.

No. 1, from William Green, of Switzers. This consisted of one of the ordinary tail-boxes with iron plates now in use, to which was attached a puddling-box containing revolving harrows, driven by a small water-wheel. This box was covered by a sheet of plain iron as an apron to shoot off the heavy debris. The wheel was driven by the water from the aforesaid tail-box, but the power was evidently miscalculated, and generally the model was deemed inapplicable to the present system of sluicing operations.

No. 2, from Alexander Mills, of Hampden. This was a most elaborate plan. The inventor stated in his specification that the whole machine weighed only one ton, could be easily transported to any part of the gold-fields, and the tailings, if found to be in the road,—and truly this appeared quite probable,—could be removed by carts, etc. As might be imagined, these peculiar properties of the invention secured its rejection.

No. 3, from George Reisler, of Queenstown. This was a plan of false bottoms woven out of fencing wire, covering brushwood or scrub for retaining the gold. It appeared to be intended principally for cradles. The inventor stated the bottoms as described would last six months, but the judges were of opinion that in the generality of claims now in work they would not last 48 hours. Rejected.

No. 4, from Alfred Keene, address not given on plan. This was a tail-box with iron diagonal fluted bottoms, and an under-current side-slucie leading backwards from end of box, supplied only by the water escaping from under the fluted perforated bottoms. The reasons adduced for the rejection of this plan were: the additional fall at end of race required to provide for puddling the stuff at the head of box; ditto to provide for side-slucie; and also the great probability of the flutes wearing out very quickly from the resistance offered to the hard material operated on in the generality of claims now at work, thus destroying any advantage they might have over the level-plated bottoms at present in use.

No. 5, from J. H. Doidge, Grahamstown. This, like the last described, was an excellently drawn and elaborate plan, but totally useless for hydraulic mining on a large scale. This was the only one in which the use of mercury was introduced. It might be used beneficially in beach workings or shallow ground where water was scarce, and hand labor for feeding might be found to pay, but otherwise it was not at all adapted for hydraulic mining in Otago.

This being the last plan submitted, the Commission, after some discussion, delivered their verdict, "That none of the plans submitted came within the conditions of the specifications, and were consequently not entitled to the bonus of £250 offered by the Provincial Government." Mr. Keene's plan was the only one which appeared worthy of consideration from an Otagan point of view. The principle is not a bad one, if it was applicable to the present phases of gold-slucie in Otago, but this did not appear to be the case. It was stated at the meeting that the average yield in many good claims now at work did not exceed three grains (!) per ton, and that the quantity of gold lost with the present appliances did not amount to more than 5 per cent. of the whole; and also that most of the inventors appeared to have very little idea of the magnitude of the sluicing operations in this Province, or of the poverty of the stuff treated.

CLYDE SPRING MEETING.

These races, which took place on Friday last, came off very successfully. The attendance was good, being nearly equal to that of some previous annual meetings at Dunstan. Nothing could surpass the splendour of the weather, which was the best yet experienced this season. The entries for the various events were above the average, and the running as a whole was good. Among the visitors there was a fair sprinkling of the "talent," but business did not seem particularly lively with them. The "innocent" little games of "under-and-der," "Aunt Fally," &c., were conspicuous by their absence, and consequently during the intervals between the races there was nothing to occupy the attention or lighten the pocket. The time allowed between the

various events was inordinately long, and gave room for the only complaint heard. The refreshment booth was in the hands of host Eames, who appeared to have a busy time of it. The quality of the good things dispensed was frequently referred to in eulogistic terms. Appended will be found some details of the races:—

MAIDEN PLATE, of 15 sovs. One mile. Weight for age.

Mr Keenan's b g Henry, aged 1
There were seven or eight starters for this event, but the winner had a comparatively easy victory.

SELLING RACE, of 15 sovs. Half-mile heats, no weight under 10st 7lb.

Mr Parsons' Garryowen 1
This money was easily carried off by Garryowen, who ran against a good field. The winner was afterwards sold for £19, realising £7 to the race funds.

DUNSTAN HANDICAP, of 20 sovs. Distance, one mile and a half.

Mr M'Gregor's b h Ivanhoe, aged, 8st 1
Mr Waddell's b g Young Leamington, aged, 9st 4lbs 2
Mr Keenan's b g Wild Manx Boy, aged, 9st 2lb 3

Considerable speculation was raised on this event, Leamington being the favorite. Dungiven Lass was also noticed, but her reluctance to come to the post was upon this occasion more determined than ever, and she several times broke away before starting. Ivanhoe with his light weight made strong running, closely pushed by Leamington; but the little horse stayed well and first passed the judge's box.

HANDICAP TROT, of 10 sovs. One mile and a half, no weight under 10st.

This event was won by a black mare, Jessie, said to have at one time belonged to Mr Scott, baker, Cromwell. The race was a disappointment to many, as it was looked upon as a certainty for Tommy or Scott's Mary Ann, both being hot favorites. There was some talk of protesting against the winner as having been run under a false name, but we cannot say with what result.

TRADESMAN'S HANDICAP, of 15 sovs. Distance, one mile.

Mr Keenan's Wild Manx Boy, 9st 7lb 1
Mr Laing's Flora, 9st 7lb 2
Mr Waddell's Young Leamington, 9st 12lbs 3

As the horses had to be handicapped and the acceptances to be received before saddling for this handicap, considerable time was lost, and many thought the race would have to be postponed; however, a start was made about about half-past six, half-a-dozen having accepted. The race was a well-contested one, and resulted in a well-earned victory for Manx Boy, Flora being a good second. In this event Dungiven Lass again disappointed her backers by refusing to face the starter; and her owner was obliged to withdraw her, or the contest would probably have had to be postponed, as the evening shades were falling fast, and the colors could only be distinguished when the horses were coming home.

The hurry-scurry, hospital, and one or two minor events were decided the following day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. THE DUNSTAN TIMES CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—I do not know what I have done to rouse the ire of "our own" "*Diable Boiteux*" of the *Dunstan Times*, that he should be airing my name so prominently in its columns. I fancy it can only be the outcome of a diseased imagination or an impaired digestion. He has taken umbrage at my appointment as a judge at the late convention at Clyde for considering the bestowal of the Government bonus of £250 for an improved gold-saving apparatus, though upon what grounds, unless it is sheer envy, I confess I am unable to guess; but one thing I am sure of, the date of his delegation to such an honorable duty is far distant, unless he alters his ideas very considerably indeed. "The peculiar genius or advantages I may possess are possibly known to those who are interested in my advancement," so saveth our critic (?). Well, I am pleased at the idea, for to those who are not "interested" these qualities can matter little. As to the "peculiar genius" qualification, I am compelled to state, and I trust without egotism, that the judges who met at Clyde on Thursday last could not be beaten for experience and intelligence among the mining communities of Otago, notwithstanding the addition of the "nominee." It does seem strange that the five men who were called together on that occasion should, without any preconcerted arrangement, be all men who have known each other for from ten to twenty-one years as practical miners in all branches. In conclusion, I have no wish to enter the lists with any "literary Bohemian," and decline controversy, but would, if allowed, recommend "D. B." if, as he grandiloquently says, he is one of "those who take an interest in the advancement of the goldfields," to follow up the principle, and leave those alone who are truly and consistently doing their best in this particular, and in the end he may find, what it does not now appear that he has, someone "interested in his advancement."—I am, &c.,

GEO. B. DOUGLAS.
Cromwell, September 27, 1875.

MISREPRESENTATION.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—We all hear a very great deal now and then about the liberties of the press, and of the blessings showered down upon mankind by the fourth estate. But what can be said where the reverse is the case, and where the press, or the fourth estate, or whatever you like to call it, is grovelling, mean, and illiterate, a wilful perverter of the truth, owned by parties who have no sympathies in common with the people they profess to represent, caring only for the filthy lucre brought in by such advertisements as find their way into its columns because by legal

enactment or other unavoidable causes people are compelled to advertise. Such, Sir, is about the exact position the *Arrow Observer* occupies with the people of Arrowtown, which journal, paltry and mean in appearance, beneath mediocrity in point of literary merit, badly printed and on bad paper, in general aspect, not worthy the notice of an intelligent schoolboy, has come to be a byword of reproach amongst us. Look over its columns, and what do we find? Reports and events chronicled in the most select Billingsgate, and having all the latest improved Vandemonian expletives, while words, especially in its reports of the meetings of the Town Council, are put into persons' mouths who never used them,—as instance the report of the Council meeting which appeared in the columns of the *Observer* of the 8th inst. I have many times intended to write to the *Argus* upon these matters, which paper I am pleased to say enjoys a considerable circulation at the Arrow, because there is something like a free expression of public opinion in it; but the *Observer* not only lacks this, but systematically misrepresents us. I have borne so long with its studied insults—and many more besides myself suffer likewise—until I can do so no longer, and although my opinions may appear to be expressed very strongly, it does not represent a tithe of the indignation I feel at the great and grievous wrong the *Arrow Observer* has inflicted upon this little community. In our Town Council, only but a portion of the business done is reported, and then that must be from memory, as I never, since Mr S. N. Brown resigned the management, saw a reporter from the *Observer* in attendance. What suits Mr Editor and his friends is inserted, and what is opposed to them is omitted, while one individual Councillor is made to have the most of the say when he does not say it, and speak sense when he does not speak it, everybody else being cut down to a two or three-line paragraph, while the Mayor is made to present as ridiculous a figure as possible. A very great deal is said in the *Observer* about a water supply for the town, and how that Councillor Hornsby has pledged himself to secure it, and who is made to appear a very hero in the columns of this precious journal. Now I would ask this much: Can Councillor Hornsby achieve more than anybody else, when there is lacking the means to go to work with? The desirability of procuring a permanent water supply for the town was mooted long before Councillor Hornsby came to the district, and its not being an accomplished fact is because we have never possessed the money. It is all very well to say that we can borrow like Cromwell. We are not in a position to do so, nor have we the powers, while at the same time we have scarcely been in existence sufficiently long to possess them, and we do not want to borrow money so inconsiderately as our Queenstown neighbours have done, who, having forgotten all about their paying powers when they possessed themselves of Mr Robertson's property in the One and Two-Mile water races, are now upon the stool of repentance, devising schemes how they can discharge his little bill of £1000, which they are compelled to do by virtue of a *mandamus* issued by the Supreme Court. As to arranging with the Arrow River Company for the water from the flood race they are now constructing, it is absurd: it would only be tail-water, and could never be brought into the town at a sufficiently high level to prove useful to the inhabitants. I will allow that a supply of water can be brought into the town, and at a reasonable cost, but time and patience can only accomplish it, and Councillor Hornsby, when he seeks to emulate Sir Julius Vogel, only makes himself the more ridiculous; better, therefore, to confine himself to that sphere best suited for the display of his peculiar abilities. In the matter of Christenson's contract, which Councillor Hornsby so systematically opposes and proclaims to the world that the Council will lose £100 on, to say that the forming and gravelling of twenty-one chains of Berkshire-street, to be centred with a coating of gravel thirty-six feet wide and one foot deep, for the sum of £175, is an extravagant figure, is an absurdity. Where was ever so much work undertaken for the money? Even if we had had modified the specifications, the amount of any fresh tenders would have been very much the same, and considering that the Government contributed £75 towards the job, the majority of the Council did wisely in accepting Mr Christenson's tender, while it would have been most unfair, as well as made them look ridiculous in the eyes of the public, to have rejected it. The fact is, Councillor Hornsby is being led away by outsiders who are doing all they can to damage the Municipality, and who, at a previous meeting of the Council, held in the Library Hall, rolled a cask of stale beer, left over from an auction sale, into an anteroom, and there, with all the ruff-raff they could gather, drank up its contents to idiotic scrapings on an enlarged description of fiddle known as a base viol, creating such an unearthly din as to bring the deliberations of the Council to a premature close. Not a word was ever said about this in the report of the meeting furnished by the *Observer*. But I have done now, and I hope that my brother Councillors and the citizens of Arrowtown will treat the *Observer*, its proprietors, and all the calumniators of the Town Council, whose interests it represents, with the contempt they deserve. In the meantime, it behoves all well-disposed people to do their best to rid the place of such an unmitigated abortion as that delightful newspaper production denominated the *Arrow Observer*.—I am, &c.,

TOWN COUNCILLOR.

Arrowtown, September 27, 1875.

The football match between the Auckland and Dunedin players, which took place last week, resulted in a complete victory for the Argonauts. The defeated team had suffered very severely from sea sickness on the passage down, which may to some extent account for the very poor stand they made.

PRICES CURRENT.—The following quotations made by W. TALLEYS in *Clothing*:—Colonial Tweed Trowsers, 13/6; Trowsers and vest 25/; Moles, 8/6; Knitted Drawers, 6/6; Flannels, 6/6; Crimeans, 7/6; Plaid and Tweed Shirts, 8/6. *Drapery*:—Winceys, 1/; All-wool Baidis, 2/; French Merinos, 2/6; Fancy Dresses, 3/6; Flannel, 1/9; Holland, 1/10; Calico, 7/4; Blankets, 17/6. *Boots*:—Watertights, 18/6; Elastic Sides, 14/6; Boys' Nailed Lace-up, 8/6; Ladies' Boots, 6/; Children's, 5/6. W. TALLEYS, London House, Cromwell.

QUEENSTOWN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

September 23, 1875.

We have had some wet weather since my last, but it is fine again, and shows indications of an early Spring. There is a heavy coat of snow on the higher mountains.

We are anxiously awaiting the results of the Phoenix crushing. The tributers expect an average of five ounces to the ton. The prospecting party at Arthur's Point are driving on a false bottom; they are in about 40 feet, and expect to be able to decide what their present level is like in a few days. The side of the mountain on which the supposed lead runs is a great landslip, caused it is supposed by the ancient river-bed having been eaten into the soft mica schist. A young man, called Thomas Hancock, met with his death in a tunnel under this slip last week. The miners worked without intermission from 9 a.m. on Friday to 4 p.m. on Saturday to get him out. The excitement was very great, as he was heard speaking up to 5 o'clock on Saturday morning. But the slide was so wet that it came into the drive almost as quickly as it could be removed. Within about four feet of the deceased, a rock was found to have fallen through, and before it could be broken up he was dead. The rock had forced the false set forward on the face of the drive and thus saved him for a considerable time. It is supposed that he got smothered by the water and mud, which had accumulated quicker than they could be removed.

The Patrick Kerin land case is settled on the report of the District Land Officer, Mr Beetham. Any person taking the trouble to read up the history of this case will at once see how injurious it would be to the public interest to periodically remove the Wardens. A new officer would be months deliberating among conflicting statements and interests before he would get a full knowledge of the matter, while Mr Beetham's local knowledge and experience settle the dispute at once. Many other cases where the interests of the public conflict with those of individuals could be adduced to prove that these officials should have a most extensive and thorough local knowledge. The fact that out of a population of over 2000, sixty or seventy only could be got to sign the petition of the *Dunstan Times* reporter for their removal, shows that the public, and especially the miners, are aware of this. Allowing the public, or any portion of it, to influence the position of police, magistrates, or judges, would soon bring the administration of justice to the American level.

A few miners, about thirty, held a meeting at Skippers last week to complain to the Government that their Court was not held at regular intervals. This is quite right, though I know for a fact that the miners in any important case find it cheaper to come to Queenstown than fee lawyers to go to Skippers; still if there is any hardship it ought to be redressed. This was all very well, had they stopped there. But they actually passed a vote of confidence in Mr Shepherd, M.H.R., and one of want of confidence in Mr MacKellar, Goldfields Secretary. Is it surprising that thoughtful politicians contemplate the withdrawal of the miners' franchise? The people on the spot, numbering about 400 miners, allow a few to thus bring contempt on their whole community, and compel people to say that the miners as a rule send men to legislate for them of whom the less said the better; and knowing, had they taken the trouble, that Shepherd's Bill was worthless for the intended purpose, and that it was the Government who brought in the Goldfields Amendment Bill, they in fact permitted themselves to be made the tools of two designing individuals. The miners as a class are a most respectable body of men, but unfortunately they take little interest in politics, not even enough to protect them from the tactics of adventurers.

We have had a new industry, a boot factory, established here, that will well repay a visit. The heels and soles are cut to size by a machine working on the same principle as the printing press. The holes for the pegs are done by a powerful sewing machine, and the pieces required for the welts (I believe they are called) are bevelled by another. The rapidity and neatness of the execution is something marvellous. As labour-savers they must be of great value; and as the customers can have their measure taken by skilled workmen, this factory ought to give satisfaction. The proprietors, Messrs Myers and Rutkian, promise to turn out boots at greatly reduced prices,—a promise I believe they will be able to fulfil.

The Government have definitely promised to commence the Kingston section of the railway as soon as the plans can be got ready.

The Corporation have been served by the Supreme Court, at the suit of Mr Robertson, with a *mandamus* ordering them to show cause why they should not levy a rate of 2s 8d in the pound to pay for his water race. This will press heavy on the ratepayers, and seeing that we have got borrowing powers, it is a pity that the matter could not be delayed for a few months. I hear they are trying to arrage with him. The town will have to pay £1200 for what is intrinsically worth about £350.

It is reported that road maintenance is to be let by tender for the future. This is brought about, I hear, by the numerous complaints made that the laborers idled most of their time away. I expect all are blamed for the sins of a few.

I see that the Queenstown correspondent of the *Dunstan Times* states that our Clerk of the Court has very little to do. This is a malicious and most unfounded statement.

He is not only one of the hardest-worked, but also one of the most obliging officers in the Government service. In my experience of goldfields, and it is pretty extensive, I have seen regular hours kept. The offices closed punctually at 4 p.m. This is the custom or law here, but from pure kindness no one is turned away at the Queenstown office even if he came from the country at bed-time. The officer here has the work of Clerk of Resident, Police, and District Court to do, as well as collect the goldfields and agricultural lease revenue, and make out the meteorological reports and returns. I know from my own personal knowledge that he is unable to do all his office work between the usual hours. The Editor of the *Dunstan Times* should make enquiries before inserting statements that every person in the Wakatipu is in a position to contradict.

ARROWTOWN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

September 27, 1875.

The Town Council has accepted the tender of Mr H. J. Cope, £9 9s, for acting as valuator for the next assessment. The contractor for forming and gravelling portion of the main road has commenced.

Mr Fergus, District Engineer, is now in the district, so that we may look for contracts being given out shortly; and as but little cultivation is going on this season, our farmers will compete actively for them.

The Arrow United new Company have several men at work, on contract, cutting the long-projected flood race, which will be completed in about a fortnight, when pumping will be resumed. This work is certain to have a beneficial effect upon the company's prospects, as before the most of the surplus water flowing down Bush Creek found its way through the shingly formation, and had to be lifted by the pumps. I understand that Mr Elliott, the manager, has instructions to proceed energetically with the works, and with favorable weather we may hope to see this claim very shortly raising gold.

The Universal Company, adjoining, have six men at work forming head race, while others are engaged building the large water-wheel to drive the centrifugal pump. The calls in this company, which is a purely local one, are punctually met, and every confidence in its ultimate success is indulged in. Many of its shareholders are men who have endured severe losses, and made great sacrifices by holding on to their claim for years sooner than relinquish their chance in it, and it is satisfactory to find that others with capital have united with them to give this ground a thorough trial. If they succeed, it will cause the discovery of the course taken by the lead through our flats, in which case alluvial mining would again become an important interest with us. The company are about to procure boring-rods for the purpose of furthering the prospecting of their ground; they would also be available for searching for the extension of the lead through the flat.

The Sons of Fortune Company are now in with their main drive 360 feet, and are driving in the old river-bed. The reef is getting softer, and the wash improving.

In quartz mining operations are at present confined to the Crown Terrace Co., although many reefs have attracted attention lately, principally those in the Macetown district. Prospecting is not far advanced, owing to the season. That locality, however, will very shortly have a good overhauling, but until crushing machinery is available both at the Arrow and Macetown, it will be impossible to arrive at the value of the reefs already found and the numbers of others which are sure to be discovered. This view of the case is forcing itself upon those among us whose prosperity is dependent upon the progress of the neighborhood, and it is to be hoped that efforts will be made to procure machinery, as the numerous reefs already known to contain gold are sufficient to warrant its erection at once.

From the Cardrona I learn that a case of some importance will be tried before the next District Court, that of T. Cotter v. Lafranchi, an appeal from the Warden's Court. Thirteen witnesses have been subpoenaed. Mr G. B. Bond is taking steps to prospect the special claim known as the Great Extended. He proposes to work it by means of a company similar to the Crown Terrace Q.M. Co.; and the project deserves support, as the Cardrona is the best defined lead of gold in the Province. It is certain that this claim will be no longer allowed to lie dormant, but will be tested, and may turn out fortunes to those enterprising enough to start it. Mr Bond and those interested with him have already incurred considerable expense in connection with the matter, so the claim should be put on a working footing and the gold brought to light as speedily as possible.

We have Mr St. Vincent's company playing here to-night to a very fair house, and another company—Wheeler's—advertised to appear very shortly. Our population is smaller than it was last season, so I fear that our professional friends will not find such profitable results as in past times. We are, however, glad to see them, as a little novelty and amusement is cheering when everything is so dull. The Dramatic Club talk of postponing their performance of the Octoroon, on account of the visit of the two professional companies, as the place can scarcely stand so many entertainments within a few days.

From the Shotover I have to report that the Phoenix Company have re-commenced crushing, and Mr Evans having returned from Dunedin will at once make arrangements for a fuller supply of water to the turbine, so as to admit of 20 or 25 stamp-heads

getting to work,—a very desirable result in view of the large quantity of splendid stone ready for crushing. The Shotover Company have issued a new prospectus, and intend to go to work in a spirited manner, for which they richly deserve success. On the river, Stapleton's beach is now in the hands of M'Kay and party, who are about to erect a wheel, as it is thought that a large portion of the beach has never been worked. Colville and Scriver have been two years sluicing a paddock in a terrace below Maori Point, above the New Channel Co. They are going to wash up next week after this long run. The paddock looks well, as they found a good patch of gold which had been missed by the parties who tunnelled in the terrace about five years ago, although one tunnel went very close to it. Messrs Clemens and Brewer, in a terrace opposite Maori Point, have struck a back lead, which is paying well.

BENDIGO.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

September 27, 1875.

Our district is so quiet that I have not the wherewithal to write about. We have been favored with a visit from Mr MacKellar, the Goldfields Secretary, who arrived on Saturday last. He made diligent enquiries while here concerning mining, more especially regarding leases and the number of men employed upon them, and stated that those holding claims under lease would be required to man them according to the Regulations. This is just and right, and no more than should be expected by honest lessees; but it appeared rather hard in one instance where the Goldfields Secretary seemed to expect the applicant to comply in this respect before his lease was granted.

The Deep Level contractors have made splendid progress this last week, having driven 10 feet. This should bring the total length of drive up to about 125 feet, so that shareholders will probably not have to remain long in suspense as to the Guano reef as it must be near at hand.

The road now in course of construction from the Hit-or-Miss to the Aurora battery is expected to be completed this week. It speaks volumes for the energy of the proprietors to witness the manner in which they have pushed along this work and the substantial manner in which it is constructed. There will probably be a christening and a good deal of tall talking, after which we hope to see Parry's line of reef come to the fore which no doubt it will. Altogether, the district is in a very healthy state—perhaps never better. Since the reefing rush to Bendigo, people have grown wiser, and specs, that would take well then will not go now. The question now is—"Will it pay?"

THE MINER.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The crushing of stone from the Crown and Cross reef, Carrick, although not up to expectations, has yielded satisfactorily. 261 tons tons yielded 126 ounces, besides which a quantity of tailings, &c., after manipulation will yield a further cake of probably 50 ounces. The quantity of pyrites has been a serious drawback to this company and proves the necessity of adopting some means of successfully treating them.

The Elizabeth Co. has made its final call of 2s 6d, and it is probable the company will take steps to increase its capital, as the prospects of striking the reef in the tunnel are now very encouraging. The great majority of shares being held in the district proves the determination of this company not to show the white feather while there are reasonable prospects of ultimate success.

The Perseverance Co.'s tunnel is now so hard that the contractors have given notice of their intention to abandon their contract unless a better price be offered. They are some 600 feet into the hill, and expect to strike the old John Bull reef in another 50 feet.

The Lucknow Co. expect to receive to-day from town some small castings belonging to their turbine wheel for which they have been delayed for some weeks, and it is expected that in a few days crushing will be commenced. There are over 200 tons of stone ready to operate upon.

The Lowburn Sluicing Company are endeavoring to overcome the water in their shaft, with only partial success, and it is probable that larger pumps will be required.

The Aurora mill, belonging to the Cromwell Co., is now undergoing a thorough repair, and will shortly be in a position to enable several anxious claimholders to test the value of their newly-discovered reefs at Bendigo.

It is reported that Mr T. Logan has disposed of two-thirds of his interest at Bendigo for something like £10,000, and although the price appears large several of Mr Logan's friends believe that the purchasers are fortunate in getting such a valuable property for the sum named, and that a much larger figure could have been obtained had the property been thrown into a public company. That Mr Logan has still a large interest in the mine is matter for congratulation, as his severance from the district would be a serious blow to its further prospecting, that gentleman being always foremost in assisting to develop its resources.

ABOLITION OF THE GOLD DUTY

In the Assembly last week, while the fifteenth clause of the Abolition Bill was under consideration, the question of repeal-

ing the gold export duty came up. Sir George Grey proposed that the duty should altogether cease on the coming into force of the Local Government Bill; while Mr T. L. Shepherd urged an amendment that the tax should be reduced year by year until finally done away with. The discussion that ensued is thus reported:—

Sir George Grey, replying to the Treasurer's statement that the miner would not be benefited by the repeal of the gold duty, showed that at least each miner would be relieved to the extent of 4d a day, which meant a loaf of bread to each miner and miner's child. Would that be nothing? He considered that now we could do away with this taxation, we ought at once to do so.

The Treasurer replied, saying that now both the House and the country knew what value to put on any statement made by the honorable member (Sir George Grey). He utterly denied having said anything whatever of the kind attributed to him by Sir George Grey, viz., that each man repays 4d a day as gold duty tax. What he said was that it would only benefit a few large companies, and that only to the extent of about 2½d a day per man, therefore the pathetic picture of a miner covered with sweat, coming from his labour to his starving children, and finding they had lost a loaf a day, was all nonsense. He repeated in all sincerity that it was solely with a view to the interest of goldfields that he proposed the measure, for he was sure that House would never consent to subsidise goldfields and not require them to pay their quota towards the increasing expenditure required for public works in the district.

Mr Shepherd said every gold miner he was sure was in favour of repeal of gold duty, while, at the same time, he would not object to be taxed for roads, &c. A miner would rather pay £1 extra to the Customs than pay this gold duty. The honorable gentleman hoped Sir George Grey would accept his amendment.

Mr Harrison denied there was any universal cry against the abolition of the gold duty. He concurred in all said by the Treasurer.

Mr Swanson said no good would ensue from postponing the abolition of this duty till after next session. No gold would be exported till then, but it would remain in the strong rooms of the Banks.

Mr Bowen referred to a proposal by the Treasurer to withdraw the amendments, and bring in a Bill on which the question of duty or no duty could be debated on its merits, and outside the questions referred to in this clause of the Abolition Bill.

Mr Mervyn would feel obliged to support Sir George Grey's amendment, notwithstanding that he thought probably miners would themselves oppose the repeal of the duty after the statement made by the Treasurer.

Mr Reid said he objected to Mr Shepherd's amendment because it was too much in the shape of a bribe for the members to go to their constituencies and say, "If you do not vote for one who approves the Abolition Bill, you will lose the repeal of the gold duty."

Mr Luckie thought the object of the gentleman who proposed the amendment (Sir Geo. Grey) was merely to cause delay in passing the Bill. He criticised the statement of Sir George Grey about miners being taxed fourpence a day. It was all clap-trap, and absolutely untrue. He should oppose both the amendments.

Sir George Grey said he hoped the Abolition Bill would never come into operation. He believed that, as sure as he stood there, it never would; but he wished at the same time to point out that the clause for the repeal of the gold duty would, if his amendment were brought into operation, become a fact within one month of passing of the Bill, and would not be affected should the Bill be subsequently repealed.

Mr Tribe considered Sir George Grey was raising an entirely false issue by his amendment. This was a clever and ingenious device, by which he would not be led astray. He would oppose the amendment.

Sir George Grey denied his amendment was the result of party action. If it were not carried he would not support Mr Shepherd, but would immediately ask leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the gold duty, and also a Bill to give an almost freehold tenure to miners who were working in quartz claims. The honorable gentleman concluded by reiterating that he was acting quite independently of any member in the House, and was actuated solely by the desire to remove a tax which he felt was obnoxious to the interest of the mining population.

Sir George Grey's amendment, on a division, was negatived by a majority of 17—Ayes, 22; noes, 39.

Mr Shepherd's amendment was negatived by a majority of 35—Ayes, 14; noes, 49. The clause as previously amended was then passed.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

A contemporary suggests that the Government and the Opposition should employ readers to go about the country giving readings from *Hansard* of members' speeches re abolition, and says that then the people would have a chance of understanding the question. Heaven preserve us! Is it possible that anyone can think so badly of his species as to imagine that they deserve such a punishment.

The Oamaru correspondent of the *Waitangi Tribune* says:—"An amusing incident occurred a short time ago in one of our churches. A worthy pair were about to enter the holy bonds of wedlock; they were young and inexperienced, unused to the form of marriage service. Whether owing to the shortness of sight of the clergyman, or to the verdant freshness of the happy pair; but, true it is, the bride was married to the intended husband's best man." Of course, the affair had to be re-commenced.

Major Atkinson announced at a recent Government caucus that the new Parliament would be summoned to meet in May, 1876.

The *New Zealand Churchman* is the title of a new journal to be published in Dunedin next month. Its object is to promote the interests of the Church of England.

It is publicly rumored that the Rev. Mr. Coffey, pastor of the Episcopal Church at Milton, is about to become a Good Templar, in consequence of the drinking customs of his parishioners.

A man of gentlemanly appearance, and a graduate of the University of Cambridge, died in the street in Christchurch the other day while in a state of *delirium tremens*.

The colony is to have a fresh supply of bronze coinage, to the amount of £6000, from the London mint. It is to be shipped, or has already been shipped, for New Zealand in four equal parcels to Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Auckland. Four-fifths of each parcel are in pennies, the other one-fifth in half-pennies. Farthings are not considered necessary. The copper coin at present in circulation is to be decreed and called in on 31st January, 1876.

A township of the name of Duntroon, is about to be established on the Waitaki Plan, on the west bank of the Macarehenua, on the opposite side, but near to the terminus of the Awamoko railway.

A fatal accident occurred on the Invercargill and Mataura line of railway on Saturday evening 18th inst., by which Mr. Charles Gardiner, of the Waihopai Flour Mills, lost his life. Deceased, who was under the influence of liquor, had been sitting in a culvert in the centre of the track opposite the mill road, when a ballast engine coming into town about 11 o'clock struck him on the head. The body must have been doubled up, as it was dragged about 250 yards on by having caught the brake rod. Death must have been instantaneous. The body was badly mutilated, both arms were shattered, the legs broken, and the head smashed. Deceased had resided in the district for 17 years, and was widely known.

As "spelling Bees" will no doubt shortly be introduced here we give the following words as suitable. They may save the promoters a search:—Anthropomorphism, anamorphosis, brachycephalous, circumspectively, dematerialising, deambulatorium, epigrammatically, etymologically, fibrocartilaginous, grammaticohistorical, idiosyncratic, lexicographical, libertarianism, magniloquently, malcontentedness, omnipresently, omniumgatherum, obstreperousness, psychologically, puddingheadedness, rhodomontade, ratification, recalcitration, reciprocation, valitudinarism, zoophytological. To this list we will add one which we have never known any one able to spell on the first time of asking yet:—Anthropomorphitanianismicaliation.

SELECTIONS.

A Man Hunt in California.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* gives at some length an interesting story which seems to show that, in addition to their passion for pursuing all sorts of ordinary game, Americans develop an occasional taste for man hunting, and that a man need not be a criminal nor an outlaw to qualify himself for affording sport to his fellow creatures. John Barton Horan, who said he was a Canadian, went from Richmond, Virginia, to Atlanta, Georgia, to get a job of carpentering. There was no work for him in town, and he resolved to walk back to Richmond. He begged a plug of tobacco to subsist on during the journey, and was about to start, when a man took pity on him, and gave him a job. He proved himself to be an excellent carpenter and a fast workman, but he conceived an idea that the other men were trying to poison him. So he left his work and started on his tramp. He proposed to pass the Chilhowee mountains by the Hiwassee Gap. He was seen washing his clothes by the Hiwassee river. Two men who had not been trained in the art of minding their own business accosted him, and Horan resented their meddling with his concerns and interrupting his washing. He had with him a hatchet, and threatened to make "buzzards' meat of them" if they did not go away and let him alone. He drove them off with the hatchet, and they alarmed the country round with the report that there was a madman in the Chilhowee mountains washing his clothes in the Hiwassee. The people armed themselves with rifles and shotguns and pistols and knives and went hunting for a lunatic. The citizen's brigade found Horan asleep high on a precipice by the side of a river under a shelving rock. They woke him by hallooing

and at a distance demanded his surrender. He brandished his hatchet, and refused to comply, stating that he had done no crime to be arrested for, and would not submit. That remark seems to have been sane and sensible enough, but the dignity of the hunting rabble was now insulted. Three of them fired on the poor fellow. The balls took deadly effect, passing through his breast and abdomen. The hatchet fell from his grasp, and he was surrounded by his hunters. He took a prayer book from his pocket and desired one of his murderers to read from it; and the murderer read while John Barton Horan's soul was passing out of his body. Before dying he stated that he had a wife in New York, and desired that she be informed of how he had been butchered while resting, tired and foot-sore, on the banks of the Hiwassee. The people buried him in the gap, and returned in peace to their homes. A more exciting hunt never occurred in that part of the country. It was more enjoyed than any wild cat or mad dog chase that could be started. It is not thought likely there will be any legal investigation of the barbarous affair.

Putting Down the Windows.

This is the season of the year when a man may expect to be suddenly called at any moment in the night to get up and put down the windows. On the advent of a thunder-shower it is rarely that a man wakes first. If he should he keeps quiet, so as not to disturb his wife, and awaits himself of the first lull to go to sleep again. How differently a woman acts—oh, so differently! Just as soon as she wakes up and hears that it is raining, she seems to lose all judgment at once. She plants both of her feet into her husband's back, at the same time catching him by the hair and shaking his head, and hysterically screams—"Get up! get up quick! It's a pouring right down in torrents and all the windows are up!" He cannot wake up under such circumstances with an immediately clear conception of the case: in fact, it frequently happens that he is away out on the floor before his eyes are fairly open, having but one idea really at work, and that as to what he is doing out of bed. The first thing to do is to strike a light, and while he is moving around for the matches, and swearing that some one has broken into the house and moved them from where he laid them on going to bed, (which is always plausible enough,) she hurls after him the following tonics: "Do hurry! Mercy, how that rain is coming right into those windows! We won't have a carpet left if you don't move faster. What on earth are you doing all this time? Can't find the matches! Mercy sake, you ain't going to stumble round here looking for matches, are you, when the water is drowning us out? Go without a light. What a man you are; I might have better got up in the first place. Well! (despairingly) let the things go to ruin if you have a mind to. I've said all I'm going to, an' I don't care if the whole house goes to smash. You always would have your own way, an' I s'pose you always will, and now you can do as you please; but don't you dare to open your mouth to me about it when the ruin's done. I've talked and talked till I'm tired to death, and I shan't talk any more. We never could keep anything decent, and we never can; an' so that's the end of it. [A very brief pause.] John Henry, are you or are you not going to shut down those windows?" Just then he finds the matches, and breaks the discourse by striking a light. He was bound to have that help before he moved out of the room. He has got the lamp lighted now. No sooner does its glare fill the room than he immediately blows it out again for obvious reasons. He had forgotten the window was open and the brevity of his night-shirt. It almost causes him to shiver when he thinks of his narrow escape. He moves out into the other room with celerity now. He knows pretty well the direction to go, and when a flash of lightning comes it shows him on the verge of climbing over a stool or across the centre table. If there is a rocking-chair in the house he will strike it. A rocking-chair is much surer in its aim than a streak of lightning. It never misses, and it never hits a man in but one spot, and that is just at the base of his shin. We have fallen against more than eight hundred rockers of all patterns and prices, and always received the first blow in one place. We have been with dying people, and have heard them affirm, in the solemn hush of that last hour, that a rocking-chair always hits a man on the shin first. And when a man gets up in the dead of night to shut down windows, he never misses the rocking-chair. It is the rear end of one of the rockers which catches him. It is a dreadful agony. But he rarely cries out. He knows his audience too well. A woman never falls over a rocking-chair, and she never will understand why a man does. But she can tell whether he has, by the way he puts down the windows when he finally reaches them. A rocking-chair window (if we may be allowed the term) can be heard three times as far as any other.—*Danbury News*.

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CROMWELL SPRING MEETING.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY,

OCTOBER 1 and 2, 1875.

STEWARDS.

I. LOUGHRAN, J. DAWKINS, J. A. FRESHAW, G. M. STARKEY, J. TAYLOR, J. MARSH.

JUDGE.—D. A. JOLLY.

STARTER.—JAMES DAWKINS.

CLERK OF THE COURSE.—OWEN PIERCE.

HANDICAPPERS.

J. DAWKINS, G. M. STARKEY, J. A. FRESHAW.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

MAIDEN PLATE, of 10 sovs. Entrance, 15s. For all horses that have never won an advertised prize of over £5. Distance, one mile. Weight for age.

HACK RACE, of 10 sovs. Entrance, 15s. For bona-fide hacks. Distance, three-quarter mile heats. No weight under 9st. Post entry.

CROMWELL HANDICAP, of 15 sovs. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a quarter. Nominations to be sent in to the Secretary not later than 12 noon on Monday, September 27; weights to be declared in CROMWELL ARGUS of September 29.

HACK SELLING RACE, of 10 sovs. Entrance, 15s. Distance, one mile. No weight under 10st. Winner to be sold for £20; surplus to go to race fund. Post entry.

HANDICAP TROTTERING RACE, of 5 sovs. Entrance, 7s 6d. Distance, two miles. No weight under 11st. Post entry.

SECOND DAY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.

HACK SELLING RACE, of 10 sovs. Entrance, 15s. Distance, three-quarter mile heats. No weight under 9st. Winner to be sold for £15; surplus to go to race fund. Post entry.

SPRING HANDICAP, of 20 sovs. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a half. Nominations to be received before 8 p.m. on night of general entry, Thursday, September 30; weights to be declared on evening of first day's races.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, of 5 sovs. Entrance, 7s 6d. Distance, three-quarters of a mile.

HOSPITAL RACE, of — sovs. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Rider of winner to be presented with a whip. Post entry.

RULES.

No entry will be received for any of the above races except upon this condition: that all disputes, claims, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint. Their decisions upon all points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be final.

Entrances for Maiden Plate will be received by the Secretary not later than 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 30; also nominations for Spring Handicap, and acceptances for Cromwell Handicap, to be received at same time,—with necessary amount of cash, name, age, and pedigree (if any) of the horse, name of owner, and colours of the rider. Acceptances for Spring Handicap to be sent in not later than 10 a.m. on morning of 2nd October.

Any person entering a protest must deposit £2, and should such protest be deemed frivolous by the Stewards, the amount will be forfeited.

Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined £2.

The Cromwell Jockey Club Rules will be strictly enforced.

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Dated this 7th day of September 1875, at the Lands Registry Office, Dunedin.

D. F. MAIN,
District Land Registrar.

WANAKA RACES,

TO BE HELD ON

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

8th and 9th OCTOBER, 1875.

STEWARDS:

H. S. THOMSON, Esq. J. B. EWING, Esq.
THOS. TUOHY, Esq. THEO. RUSSELL, Esq.
J. S. McLEAN, Esq. THOS. TAYLOR, Esq.
T. A. FRASER, Esq. H. MAIDMAN, Esq.

GEORGE CRISP, Esq.

Judge.—T. A. FRASER, Esq.

Starter.—J. McLAREN, Esq.

Handicapper.—J. B. EWING, Esq.

Clerk of Course.—CHARLES HOOD, Esq.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

MAIDEN PLATE, of £15. For all horses that have never won an advertised race. One mile. Weight for age. Post entry, 20s.

LADIES' PURSE, of £15. For all horses. Gentleman riders. Welter weight for age. One mile and a half. Post entry, 20s.

SHORTS, of £5. Half-mile heats without dismounting. Catch weights. Post entry, 7s 6d.

NEWCASTLE HANDICAP, of £20. One mile. Nominations, enclosing qualification-fee, to be sent to the Secretary not later than 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th October. Weights to be declared on evening of general entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s.

HACK RACE, of £5. For untrained horses only. One mile. Catch weights. Post entry, 7s 6d.

SECOND DAY.

ELSWICK PLATE, of £15. For 3-year-olds bred in the district. One mile. To carry 8st 10lbs. Entry, 20s. Entries to close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 7.

HURDLE RACE, of £15. One mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles. Entry, 20s. Nominations to be sent in to the Secretary not later than 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 7. Weights to be declared on evening of first day's races.

WANAKA HANDICAP, of £35, with a sweepstake of one sov. to go to second horse. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s. Distance, two miles. Nominations, enclosing fee of 15s, with qualification fee 21s, to be sent in to the Secretary not later than 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 7. Weights to be declared on the evening of October 8.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, of — sovs.

Races to start each day at 12 o'clock.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All disputes, claims, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by the Stewards, whose decision shall be final.

No person allowed to enter a horse for any of the above races, except the Hack and Short's races, unless a subscriber of at least one pound sterling to the race fund.

The rules of the Dunstan Jockey Club shall be strictly enforced.

Entries for the Elswick Plate to be sent to the Secretary not later than 6 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the 7th October.

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make that secret known to my fellow men, and
cause me to be pointed at as an object of pity or
scorn.

"Look into thy heart" and say it is not better
for me to seek aid and get relief by writing to
one man in whom I have confidence, with whom
my secret is safe, and whose aid and counsel
will cause my life hereafter to be happy, making
me say with the proverb—"Rejoice, O, Young
Man, in thy Youth."

"Look then into thy heart and write,"
for hundreds have written to me what it
has been too late, and who, in place of having
"Children like olive-branches round about their
table," have their homes desolate, and feel it a
reproach upon their manhood to live.

"Look then into thy heart and write," and
remember that "As thy days, so shall thy
strength be," and that by writing down your
case, no eyes but my own see it, that relief men-
tally and physically can be given to you and
that in place of sinking into a dishonored and
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be applied at bed-time with advantage; the most
scrupulous cleanliness must be observed. If
those who read this paragraph will bring it under
the notice of such of their acquaintance whom it
may concern, they will render a service which
will never be forgotten, as a cure is certain.

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tion and subduing pain in these complaints in the
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drive all inflammation and depravities from the
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joints, and leave the sinews and muscles lax and
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even under the worst circumstances, if the use
of these medicines be persevered in.

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and all other Derangements of the
Throat.

On the appearance of any of these maladies, the
Ointment should be well rubbed, at least thrice
a day, upon the neck and upper part of the chest,
so as to penetrate to the glands, as salt is forced
into meat. This course will at once remove in-
flammation and ulceration. The worst cases
will yield to this treatment if the printed direc-
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consequently, in many cases, time is required to
purify the blood, which will be effected by a ju-
dicious use of the Pills. The general health will
readily be improved, although the eruption may
be driven out more freely than before; and this
should be promoted. Perseverance is necessary.

Bad Legs	Scalds
Bad Breasts	Sore Nipples
Burns	Sore Throats
Bunions	Skin Diseases
Bite of Mosquitoes	Scurvy
and Sandflies	Sore Heads
Coco-bay	Tumours
Chiefo-foot	Ulcers
Chilblains	Wounds and Yaws
Fistulas	Cancers
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